


REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the present patent application. Applicant cancels claims 1-3 for reasons unrelated to patentability and submits new claims 4-82 for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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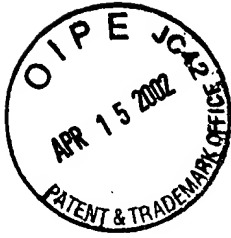
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### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a method and apparatus for creating and posting media. Embodiments of the invention provide a convenient process for a user to quickly create, signal process, encode, and transfer media files to a server for storage, posting, distribution, and retrieval. For example, audio, video, display, photo, database, spreadsheet, voice messages, Web Clips, pictures, HTML pages, attachments, templates, and/or combinations of such data can be combined into a media file for uploading to a server and accessible from a listing posted at a web site.

In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a user accesses a system server to download a plug-in and register as a user. After downloading the plug-in, the plug-in is installed ~~at step~~. The user may then log into the server where the user is given multiple options. For example, the user can "create" a media file using the create command. If the user selects the create command, server based control is initiated and the plug-in continues to record or receive media file at the plug-in, in accordance with the control parameters received from the system server.

For example, a user may record audio, video, photo, and/or display information options using the plug-in or other systems. For example, the plug-in may provide a user with a system for recording audio information using a PC base microphone and video input. Alternatively, a media file may be recorded using another method, or previously recorded and accessed by the plug-in.

viewer type for that object, and then mail the object to someone who has  
neither the proper decoder nor viewer on their own MIME-compliant system

Referring to the embodiment shown in Figure 3, the system can be  
implemented as components of a network system such as a computer client  
creator user 310 coupled via network connections 320 to a computer data  
streaming server 360 and an application server 330. In turn, servers 330 and 360  
are coupled via network connections 340 to a data storage device 350. In  
addition, user client systems 390 (e.g. users 1-3) are coupled to the data  
streaming server 360 via network connection 370.

Thus, for instance, client PC's 310 and 390s could be connected to the  
Internet 320 and 370 in order to access server computers 360 and 330 which in  
turn provide access via a local network 340 to media file storage 350. In addition,  
the system servers, 360 and 330, provide a user with access to the database of  
media files 350 from a multitude of locations 390. Couplings, for example, via  
network connections 320, 340, and 370 may comprise or incorporate any web  
browser, such as Mosaic, Netscape Navigator, or Internet Explorer. Hence, the  
system servers may be accessed through an Internet web site and the computer  
network may be the Internet, however, various other appropriate bases for the  
system (e.g. servers) and computer networks may be used with the invention as  
appropriate.

According to an embodiment for example, the system comprises a client  
machine 310 (a general-purpose computer, PC, cell phone, ~~space shuttle~~ etc.), a  
connecting apparatus allowing the client machine to communicate through  
communication means 302 (internet, LAN, WAN, wireless, ~~space shuttle~~ etc.)